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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment was steady on 8-16 lb. hens, steady to instances weak on 16-24 lb. toms. No sales reported. Offerings of whole birds were adequate. Inquiries were generally light. Trading on bulk meats was fair on fresh breast meat at steady prices, light on frozen breast meat at higher trending prices. Fresh breast meat supplies were closely cleared. Trading on bulk parts was mostly less than trucklot volumes.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was light. Inquiries centered on drums, wings and thigh meat. Mechanically separated turkey was offered, however differences of opinion on prices constrained sales.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 09, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	64.5	64.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	74.00	40	Aug	880	NOV
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	61	61.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	NOV

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WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF **AUGUST 10, 2001** **CURRENT WEEK** **LAST WEEK** **SAME WEEK YEAR AGO**

8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.10**	66.00**	73.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.50	65.00	72.33
WESTERN REGION	66.10**	66.00**	73.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.60**	62.50**	70.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.00	61.80	69.50**
WESTERN REGION	62.20**	62.00**	70.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 13-AUG-2001			
	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.42	142	69.89	18
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.42	142	69.89	18
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JULY	446,822*
AUGUST 1-4, 2001	65,005*
To date 2001	3,030,263*
To date 2000	3,123,940*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-Aug-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG		OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE		BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	874	4	22.16	(A)	877	22.16
S ATL	862	-4	29.08	(A)	865	29.08
N CENT	2,432	2	28.29	(A)	2,435	28.29
S CENT	415	-5	22.20	(A)	418	22.20
WEST	575	18	21.89	(A)	577	21.89
U.S.TOTAL	5,158(B)	2	26.18	14	5,172	26.18
TODATE						
2001	146,414(B)			375	146,789	
TODATE						
2000	145,125(B)			899	146,024	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 82,000; for the year 1,261,000; last year to date 630,000.

<u>LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED</u>	WEEK ENDING 04-Aug-2001				
	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,091	2,985	82	14	5,172
AVG WT	15.60	33.64	24.41	27.19	26.18
LAST WEEK	2,166	2,826	50	13	5,055
SAME WK YR AGO	2,358	2,837	52	6	5,253
AVG WT	16.27	32.30	26.00	24.81	25.41
TO-DATE/2001	61,994	83,159	1,261	375	146,789
TO-DATE/2000	144,495 (A)		630	899	146,024

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 AUGUST 2001.

Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady, mostly steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins. Demand was light to fair on breast meat and tenderloins with instances increased interest noted on fresh tom breast meat for prompt shipments. Some industry members continued to watch the heat in the East for possible market ramifications. Interest continued to be active on tom drums for both domestic and export shipments and to a lesser extent on thigh meat for export. Demand on the balance of items was light to instances fair. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of frozen thigh meat and on a light volume of frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey for export. Fresh wing meat traded at 67 cents delivered domestic and fresh thigh meat 60 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	103.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00		94.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00-32.00		31.67	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	30.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	28.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00-52.00		51.74	46
NECKS, TOM	27.50		27.50	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	163.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	176.00	80
THIGH MEAT	59.00		59.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	63.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	117.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		W	121.00	20
TENDERLOINS		R	133.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	153.67	30
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	19.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.00	104
TAILS	28.00		28.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	264
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-59.00		57.59	716

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 AUGUST 2001.

Bulk parts trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on drums, steady to fully steady on 2-joint wings and tom necks, steady to barely steady on hen necks steady and hen full-cut wings were mixed with some sellers not seeing the strength that others are. The undertone on tails showed signs of weakening with trading noted at lower trending prices. Demand on tails was slow to fair with some sellers noting a less aggressive buyer interest. Offerings of drums were short of buyers' needs, 2-joint wings short to light with hens the least available, full-cut wings were in a full range with Russian approved product the least available, tom necks light while hen necks were available. Trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Export inquiry was noted on drums, wings, and thigh meat for September - October shipments. Trading was light on all items.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	94.00	20	94.13	23
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	24	29.79	122
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	160		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	15	30.00	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-29.00		27.22	90	27.49	198
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	27.00		27.00	20	27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.50-30.00		28.75	80	28.79	94
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	35	50.56	103
NECKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	20	27.99	270
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00-167.00		166.78	90	165.55	145
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.50-177.00		175.87	300	175.89	380
THIGH MEAT	59.00		59.00	10	59.00	16
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00		61.00	30	61.80	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT	114.00		114.00	40	115.00	60
SCAPULA MEAT		W	121.00	20	121.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	153.67	30		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.00	40	67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	40	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.10	294	17.33	334
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	30.00	40	28.56	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	28.00	40	27.33	180
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.00	104	28.00	104
TAILS	25.00-27.00		25.67	120	26.33	168
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	264	16.38	944
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-59.00		57.85	340	58.06	1,708

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